

NOTES/DATES TO REMEMBER: The Town of Griffith has several upcoming events for the summer months and would like to remind residents to check the lower portion of your utility invoice or the town website at www.griffith.in.gov for information.

GARAGE/YARD SALE PERMITS: Permits are required for garage/yard sales. The permits can be obtained at the Griffith Town Hall at no charge to the homeowner. Any questions, please call 922-3091.

BUILDING PERMITS: If you have any Spring/Summer projects planned please remember you may need a building permit. A few projects that do require permits are: swimming pools, replacement siding, roofing, windows, doors, fences, sheds, and driveways.

If a contractor is hired they must hold a Town of Griffith Contractor's License. If you are unsure if a permit is needed or if a contractor is licensed, please call the Building Department at 922-3091.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Allied Waste	662-8600
Public Works Department	924-3838
Town Hall	924-7500
Building Department.	922-3091
Code Enforcement Officer.	922-3091
Police Department.	924-3141
Park Department	922-3078
Animal Warden	922-1766
Meter Readings/Water Bills.	924-7500
Senior Center.	924-1405
NIPSCO	1-800-464-7726
Griffith License Bureau.	838-9155
Emission Control	1-888-240-1684
Griffith Post Office	838-4140
Griffith Library	838-2825

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YARDWASTE COLLECTION: The Department of Public Works will begin yardwaste collection on **Monday, April 6th** (weather permitting). Residents east of Broad Street will have collection on Mondays. Residents west of Broad Street will have collection on Tuesdays. Yardwaste must be placed in containers or biodegradable paper bags. **Plastic bags will not be accepted.** Containers are to be no larger than 25 gallons and weigh no more than 60 pounds. Please do not dump yardwaste in alleys, vacant lots or on ditch banks. As a reminder to residents with pets, animal waste is to be placed in a plastic bag and disposed of with your trash. **Pet waste does not go in yardwaste containers.**

BRANCH COLLECTION: Any resident in need of branch collection is to call Public Works at **924-3838** and request a pick up. **Branches are collected on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday only.** Large tree & stump removal undertaken by the resident shall result in a fee for time and material. All tree removal contractors must be licensed with the Town of Griffith. Any tree or branch removal done by a contractor will be the contractor's responsibility to dispose of the debris.

SPRING LEAF PROGRAM: For two weeks only, **April 6th – April 17th**, any Griffith resident wishing to participate in curbside leaf collection needs to call Public Works at **924-3838** to request a pick up.

REFUSE COLLECTION: Refuse collection is on Thursdays with the exception of Holiday weeks. There are **ONLY THREE HOLIDAYS** that will affect trash collection this year. They are: **MEMORIAL DAY, LABOR DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY.** Collection will be on Friday these weeks. Refuse is to be placed out for collection no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday prior to collection and empty containers must be removed to the rear of your property by 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Refuse must be separated from recyclables. Please remember to use containers designed for refuse collection and not to exceed 60 pounds per

can. Also, it is important to have all refuse in proper containers in order to prevent animals from rummaging through your trash, meaning plastic bags are to be contained in a can. Do not place trash in cardboard boxes.

ITEMS WITH CFC's: CFC's are gasses, which harm the earth's ozone layer when released into the air. The Federal Clean Air Act was passed prohibiting the release of CFC's in to the atmosphere. Typical items containing CFC's are refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Please call Allied Waste at 662-8600 prior to your normal trash pick up to make arrangements to have this item picked up.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: Allied Waste Disposal provides curbside recycling. The following items are accepted: **Glass:** (green, brown, clean bottles & jars). **Metal Cans:** aluminum, tin, steel, food and beverage. **Plastic:** All #1 - #7. **Paper:** Newspaper, inserts, cardboard, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, computer paper, pop & beer cases. **Unacceptable Items:** light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass, mirrors, ceramics, dishes, paint & aerosol cans, gutters, siding, hangers, tin foil, pie pans, oil bottles, toys, plastic bags, plastic ware, Styrofoam peanuts, diapers, paper towels, paper plates and tissues. Please direct questions to Allied Waste at 662-8600.

LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL: Allied Waste will collect a limited amount of bulk items with regular refuse. One large item per week (furniture, appliances, etc.) will be picked up. Please remember that all wood and carpeting must be cut in 4 foot lengths and bundled. Construction and demolition debris (not to exceed 1 yard) must be contained and not to exceed 60 pounds.

SPRING CLEANUP: Allied Waste will hold their annual "Spring Clean Up" on **Thursday, May 14th**. This allows residents to place an unlimited amount of trash out for collection. However, items such as, tires, concrete, roofing shingles, hazardous materials, and yardwaste will not be accepted. If you have items containing CFC's please contact Allied Waste at 662-8600 prior to Monday, May 11th to insure proper disposal. As stated above, all refuse must be in containers or bundled weighing no more than 60 pounds.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: The Lake County Solid Waste District will hold their hazardous waste disposal program on **Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Griffith Public Works Facility, 134 S. Colfax. The

following items will be accepted: Auto & household batteries, cleaners, oil based paint, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides, poisons, oil, antifreeze, mercury and mercury containing products, gasoline, kerosene, aerosols & corrosives, small propane tanks for portable grills, expired medications, sharps (medical needles). All sharps must be placed in a rigid plastic container, such as detergent/bleach bottles. Items that are **NOT accepted are:** latex based paint, explosives, ammunition, appliances, tires, radioactive waste, asbestos or any container 30 gallons or larger. The Hazardous Waste Schedule for 2009 can be found on the Town's website: www.griffith.in.gov or call the Lake County Solid Waste District at 769-3820.

GRIFFITH "SHRED FEST": In conjunction with the Griffith Hazardous Waste Collection on **Saturday, June 6th**, the Town of Griffith will have document shredding for **Griffith Residents** from **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Griffith Public Works Facility, 134 S. Colfax. Quantities will be limited to Four (4) boxes per vehicle. Any questions, please call 924-3838.

WATER BILL AUTO PAY: You may sign up for utility bill auto payment anytime at the Griffith Town Hall. A voided check with your banking information is needed. Forms are also available online at www.griffith.in.gov. Click on the left hand side – Clerk Treasurer, click on the left hand side – Direct Payment Authorization. Print and complete the form and mail to the Griffith Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, IN 46319. Any questions, please call 924-7500.

NEW WATER METERS: Please respond as soon as your letter for Meter Replacement is received. This will speed up the process for the next area scheduled.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in an area where meters have been installed and we have not done so at your home you must read and call in your meter reading monthly. The meter readers will no longer be working in your area. If we are not provided with your meter reading we will be forced to estimate your bill until the new meter is installed.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRASH DISCOUNT: Applications are available at the Griffith Town Hall. A \$2.00 discount will be applied to the next month billing. Senior Citizens with the discount will pay \$13.70 per month. Residents must apply in person with the following information: Utility Bill must be in senior's name, proof of ownership (tax bill) or lease contract for rental properties, and proof of age (65 or older). Any questions, please call 924-7500.